



St. Agatha's  
Catholic Primary  
School



February 2024

SPRING TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER NO.2

## Key Dates for your diary:

### SPRING TERM 2024

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Nursery  
2024 Open Day 9.15am

PSA Committee Meeting 8pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day

**w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Bikeability Week for  
Year 5

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** PSA Pub Quiz

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** KS2

Reconciliation Service: & Confessions

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** PSA 'Good as  
New' Uniform Sale

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Whole School  
Mass

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** End of Term  
School finishes at 2pm

PSA Cake Sale 2pm

PSA

PUB QUIZ

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

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*"Learning  
together in  
God's love"*

# SPRING TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Staffing News

After 18 ½ years of dedicated service to the St Agatha's School community, Mrs O'Hara will be retiring at the end of February. In her role as School Bursar, Mrs O'Hara has worked tirelessly and diligently behind the scenes to support the efficient day to day running and management of the school. We thank Mrs O'Hara and wish her all the very best for her future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Anthony (SMSA), who will be leaving us at the end of February. We thank her for the support she has given to all children in the lunch hall over the past 4 years. She will be greatly missed.

## St Agatha's Feast Day



St Agatha's Day Mass was followed by an opportunity for all children to celebrate our school's saint day back in class. Please take a moment to look at the wonderful artwork produced by our pupils.

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - St Agatha's Feast Day \(stagathas.school\)](https://stagathas.school)

## School Fund

Please be reminded to make your School Fund donation. Payments should be made via your SchoolMoney account. If you are a UK taxpayer, please also remember to Gift Aid your donation, this will boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Please use this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/G5Qv3ptPfN>, scan the QR code or download a copy from the school website under Parents, School Fund.



## Parish Novena

Thank you to the group of year 6 children who read a beautiful reflection at St Agatha's Church on the part that Catholic Social Teaching plays in their lives. This was delivered as part of the parish Novena.



## Year 6 Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the National Gallery on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, to explore the use of colour within paintings and to see many of the Impressionist masterpieces they have studied. The children's engagement and knowledge were praised by the gallery guides and we were fortunate enough to see many London landmarks along the walk to Trafalgar Square: Houses of Parliament, London Eye and Nelson's Column.



## Tag Rugby Competition

Congratulations to Team St Agatha's - you've made the whole school so proud.

Please see a full write up on the website:

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Year 5 & 6 Kingston Borough Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament \(stagathas.school\)](https://stagathas.school)

## Kingston Adult Education

KAE are running a number of Wellbeing courses in February. You can view further information by clicking on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/KAE-CSWnewsFeb24>

## Mission Together

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Cahill and some Year 6 pupils attended a special 'Mission Together' service at St Theodore's Church, Hampton. Mission Together is the children's branch of the Pope's charity for world mission. The children enjoyed the opportunity to meet pupils from other schools and were great ambassadors for St Agatha's School.



# PSA NEWS

## AGM

We will be holding the PSA AGM virtually on Wednesday 28th February at 8pm. All parents / carers are welcome to attend. The meeting starts with a welcome from the head teacher and includes a summary of the events and initiatives over the past year as well as a finance report. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with the PSA or the school office and we will send a link.

## Spend a Penny

Thank you for your generous donations so far to the Spend a Penny campaign. We are looking to raise £15,000 to complete phase 1 of the bathroom refurbishment works that the school desperately needs to undertake. You can donate here at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-agathas-spend-a-penny-fundraising-campaign>

## Doughies

Please don't forget to order your 'Doughies' home pizza and cookie kits by Saturday 2nd March (to be collected from school on Friday 8th March). The kits come with everything you need to bake at home for a great night in! Use the easy link below to place your orders:

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/st-agathas-kt2>

## St Agatha's PSA Pub Quiz

Following the hugely successful and fun night last year, the pub quiz returns by popular demand - this time to the Boaters Inn on Tuesday 19th March from 7.30pm (quiz starts at 8pm). Tickets are £10 per person and all proceeds raised will go directly to the school 'Spend a Penny' fundraising campaign - for the benefit of all our children!

Please purchase your tickets via Jumblebee using the link below:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stagsquiz2024>

## Join the Fundraising Team and the PSA

Many of you will be aware of how hard our small PSA, with your help, have been working to provide our children with little extras such as trips at Christmas and enhanced outdoor spaces. Recently, the school has needed money for necessities such as the toilet refurbishment, not just the nice to haves. Please note that every penny the PSA raises is ploughed straight back into the school community. Given the current climate, the Fundraising Team and the PSA need your support more than ever. If you would be willing to get involved to join the Fundraising Team (focusing specifically on fundraising initiatives for the toilets) or the PSA, please do get in touch with us via the PSA email ([stagathaspsa@gmail.com](mailto:stagathaspsa@gmail.com)).

## PSA Lotto

If you are looking for a really easy way to make a regular contribution to the PSA, why not consider signing up for our Monthly PSA Lotto! It is very straightforward to sign up and the more people that sign up, the bigger the payout will be! Just scan on the QR Code to sign up!

Thank you for your support.

**St Agatha's PSA**





# Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

How wonderful to be welcoming so many of you into school to share in your child's Class Acts of Worship. As we continue through the season of Lent, it is so important to take time to reflect and pray together. I look forward to welcoming Fr. Francis to school, to lead our KS2 Reconciliation service, later in the term.

I have really enjoyed seeing children return to school after the numerous sporting events and class trips – thank you to all parents and carers who volunteer as helpers as without you these could not take place.

I hope that you have all managed to find a moment to read the letter sent out during half term sharing news about our 'Spend a Penny' campaign. I look forward to working with the school community to raise the much-needed funds!

*SA Cahill*

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## INTRODUCING OUR BRAND NEW: ST AGATHA'S LOTTO

- ★ EASY ONLINE SIGNUP
- ★ A PRIZE WINNER EVERY MONTH
- ★ £5 PER MONTH
- ★ RAISE MONEY FOR THE PSA



FIRST MONTHLY DRAW TO TAKE PLACE AT THE  
END OF JUNE – PLEASE SIGN UP BY 14TH JUNE  
TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING THE  
FIRST MONTH'S PRIZE

TO SIGN UP, USE THE QR  
CODE ABOVE OR VISIT  
THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://PAY.GOCARDLESS.COM/AL0003SPYNMNB](https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0003SPYNMNB)

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